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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, National Reconnaissance Office

SUBJECT: Storage of U-2C/G Aircraft

REFERENCE: Memorandum from Director, National Reconnaissance Office dated 27 November 1968, Subject: ExCom Budget Decision, U-2 Aircraft

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1. The referenced memorandum with its comments relative to storage of U-2C/G aircraft has been reviewed as requested.

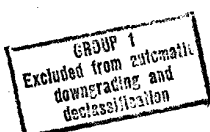
2. No significant problems are foreseen in storing three U-2C/G aircraft at the Edwards North Base complex. In this connection, the CIA is developing a storage plan. It is agreed that a series of SCOPE COTTON type decisions will not be required, and that the working details can be accommodated adequately through frequent liaison between the Agency and the Director, Program D.

3. Paragraph 3 of the reference states that "flyable storage" is intended to include preventive maintenance, periodic checks on installed equipment, and maintenance of adequate spares. This indicates that the stored aircraft will be capable of flying with minimum additional preparation. The workload generated by keeping three U-2C/G aircraft in this condition is greater than can be covered with spare-time use of U-2R crews. It is recommended that one ground crew be retained for maintaining the stored U-2C/G aircraft in flyable condition.

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4. Historically, certain NRO test requirements have been carried out in the U-2C/G aircraft (RED DOT, []). In some instances, U-2C/G hatches and aircraft have been modified to accommodate these tests. The tests are considered of sufficient importance to be continued. U-2R availability for this type of flying is forecast to be extremely limited due to other commitments. It is therefore recommended that Detachment G be authorized to use one U-2C/G aircraft for the limited flying required to support tests of these types.

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5. Use of the stored aircraft to support other Government agencies would be on a reimbursement basis as indicated in the reference.

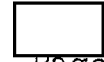
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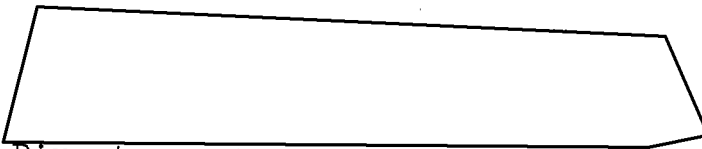
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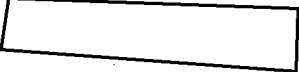
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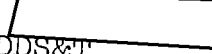
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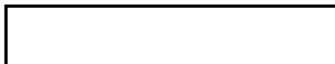
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